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Apparatus and Method for Taking Samples from Polymer Support Material

TITLE OF INVENTION

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10

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Dear Sir or Madam:

We enclose with this letter a copy of Form PTOL-85 and a check for the Issue Fee of \$700 (Small Entity). We also enclose a copy of the Small Entity Statement which was filed and received at the USPTO on 7 December 2000 stating that Assignee Max-Planck-Gesellschaft zur Foerderung der Wissenschaften e.V. is a Nonprofit Organization as defined currently under 37 CFR 1.27(3) and therefore qualifies for Small Entity status.

We respectfully request that the Entity status for the subject application be changed to reflect Small Entity. Please contact me if further clarification is needed.

Respectfully submitted,

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